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News in brief

City signs master plan agreement

The Romulus City Council accepted a proposal from a planning firm to help devise and upgrade the current city master plan.

City Planner Cynthia I. Lyon requested that the council agree to language changes in a contract with LSL Planning Inc., the city planning consultancy.

The contract specifies that the services provided by LSL will not exceed \$28,600.

A master plan is an overall blueprint for the city to use to determine where development of different types, i.e., residential, commercial, retail, industrial and office, should be placed. The plan also gives city officials an idea of how development and other plans in the city should progress during several years.

City pays downriver, Wayne County dues

Romulus will pay \$4,750 to remain part of the Downriver Community Conference.

The conference, which is an alliance of communities located Downriver that works to secure a viable voice in local and statewide issues, collects dues from each member municipality on an annual basis to fund activities.

City council members also voted to pay the Conference of Western Wayne County, a similar organization, \$5,112 for membership.

The dues will provide a membership for the city from October 2008 to September 2009.

Shopping center hosts job fair

Job hunters will have an opportunity to take part in a job fair between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on Saturday at Westland Shopping Center. Individuals will have a chance to apply with various merchants for positions within the mall and at other merchant locations. Westland Shopping Center is located on the corner of Wayne and Warren roads. For more information, call Denise Mills at (734) 425-5001.

Clarification

In the story "Witness to History" (Romulus Roman, Sept. 11, page 8) the man in the top right photo is Congressman John Lewis, not Massachusetts Gov. Patrick Duval. Lewis is also the individual Galloway-Blake heard speak at the Lincoln Memorial.

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Corn Maze at Maybury Farm is annual fall treat

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Hope floats

The Romulus High School Homecoming parade began last weekend when the four classes – seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshman – joined bands and other groups as they made their way to the school. Students spent several hours making their floats, and all of them held together, despite formidable wind.

Payment of airport bill is OK'd

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Inkster City Council members agreed to pay their share of a master plan payment to the City Of Romulus after and official from Romulus spoke at the Inkster City Council meeting Monday night.

Tim Keyes, Romulus economic development director, explained the methodology used to formulate each city's share of a study completed to debunk some of the contentions the Wayne County Airport Authority made about its master plan, which would have displaced several residents and caused a significant amount of airport noise in the surrounding communities.

"I explained to the council members how we came to the amount that each city paid, and they seemed to accept that," he

said.

The vote to pay the bill after Keyes' explanation was then added to the agenda, and the decision to forward a check to Romulus officials was unanimous.

Inkster City Council members tabled a measure to pay the city portion of a study that provided information in opposition to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Master Plan at their regular meeting Sept. 22.

The \$11,830.77 payment is the city portion of the cost of a study that was used by the cities of Romulus, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and others to pay a specialized team of lawyers to conduct a study about the environmental impact an expansion would have on the municipalities.

Council members however, questioned the amount of the payment and the methodology used

to determine that amount.

Councilman Courtney Owens said he was concerned some of the invoices incurred by the cities pre-dated Inkster's involvement in the fight against the master plan.

At the same meeting, Mayor Hilliard Hampton suggested that the council invite Keyes to an Inkster meeting to discuss the amount in question.

The airport master plan would have resulted in a loss of land for Romulus because the plan included a fifth parallel runway along Eureka Road.

Romulus officials were concerned about the land, but other cities – like Inkster – were mainly concerned about louder, and more frequent, aircraft noise.

Hampton took part in several planning sessions during the airport fight.

Repairs, security needed at local schools

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus Community Schools Superintendent Carl Weiss said he believes city leaders now understand a tax proposal put onto the November ballot by the schools after short public meeting Monday night.

"I do believe we were able to make our case, and the city officials responded well to us," he said. "There were about five or six individuals that were at the meetings who had questions, and we were able to answer them."

School requests

The schools are asking for three proposals that, if approved, will not cost voters any more than they are currently paying.

The first proposal is a non-homestead renewal is levied on businesses, rental property, apartments and other non-residential properties, and is not paid by homeowners. The proposal voters will be asked to approve will restore the non-homestead tax from 17.5 to 18 mills. This will generate about \$350,000 of revenue for the schools.

Though voters are not responsi-

ble for paying the funds, they are asked to approve it periodically to prevent inflationary reductions that decrease the tax. The tax will not increase the amount of taxes to Romulus residents.

The second is a homestead renewal, which is paid for by homeowners. The district is seeking to maintain the current homestead property tax levy at 8.99 mills. This tax provides necessary operating capital of about \$3.1 million for the school district.

Also, the district is asking for a sinking fund, which is a new tax that establishes a fund for capital outlay items such as roofing, heating and cooling equipment, parking lots and sidewalks, technology and security infrastructure. The 0.75-mills would be in effect for 10 years, and would generate about \$1 million in funds.

Though the district does not presently have a sinking fund, financial staffers have found a way to introduce one without raising taxes on residents. Currently, the district has been able to reduce the levy it pays for a 30-year-old bond issue from 7 to 6.25 mills.

In Michigan, a sinking fund can

only be used for physical improvements to structures.

Sinking buildings?

Romulus Schools operates eight facilities, the newest of which is Romulus Elementary School, and the oldest is Community High School, which is commonly referred to as the Mount Pleasant Building.

Though all of the buildings look viable from the outside – and most are in good condition – there are some issues that need to be dealt with sooner rather than later, Weiss said.

"Of those buildings, all but one will need a new roof," said Weiss. "A roof on an elementary school building can cost anywhere from \$600,000 to \$700,000. It's very expensive, but is necessary for the safety and welfare of students and staff."

Last year, the roof Halecreek School did cave in.

"Last winter when we had all of that snow, it really created a bad situation for us," he said. "It was an absolute disaster for one day – but we were able to have classes, and the roofers were able to go up there

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City may harness wind power

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Two bills under debate in Lansing could bring jobs to the area, which has Romulus officials interested in the potential impact of the legislation.

Senate Bills 213 and 1048 and House Bill 5524 would provide energy legislation that backers said would will stimulate economic growth and the creation of "green jobs" while saving ratepayers \$4.3 billion in future energy costs.

"This package of bills represents a critical step in the direction of reducing carbon emissions and developing cleaner energy solutions for Michigan," said Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor). "Setting standards for renewable energy production will help drive investment in wind, solar, and other alternative energy sources to create jobs while reducing the state's contribution to global climate change."

Green jobs – or any jobs, for that matter – appeal to the leadership in Romulus, whose attempts at bringing in more jobs have so far been thwarted.

"It's a very tough time out there right now," he said. "But we would welcome alternative energy – and we have quite a few places to put these facilities."

Bill details

The package of bills, if approved by the Legislature, would create a 10 percent "Renewable Portfolio Standard" that would encourage investment in Michigan's renewable energy sector, and create new manufacturing jobs in the wind and solar industries.

The bills would also save ratepayers \$4.3 billion in avoided costs during the next 20 years by not paying for unnecessary new baseload plants; diversify the Michigan economy; create new energy efficiency standards; include a "net metering" law that will allow consumers to sell renewable energy that they produce back to utility companies; provide an income tax credit for ratepayers to offset a portion of their investments in renewable energy for Michigan; and ensure that money will not be spent on renewable energy technology unless it is less expensive than new coal plants.

For communities like Romulus, which has seen chances for a harness racing track and a casino – and the potential for 3,000 jobs – seriously curtailed, baseload plants sound like an idea that may work for the largely industrial city, said Tim Keyes, city economic development director.

"We are currently looking at a company that is involved in wind technology, but they are looking at several communities and states," he said.

That company, which Keyes said he could not name, is working with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to potentially find a host community.

Some specific areas that would be ideal for such facilities would be the industrial areas located

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Not So Scary Pirate Forest

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Commission hosted the annual "Not So Scary" Forest last weekend for children and families of the area in Van Buren Park. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of pirate themed storytelling, inflatables, visits with the township fire department, magic shows, cider, donuts and a walk through the 'not-so-scary' forest.



Haunted Forest will open this weekend

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Belleville area will be a 'frightfully' good time this month. The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department, along with the American & Korean Tae Kwon Do schools will host their 22nd annual Haunted Forest. It takes a lot of creativity, brainstorming and muscle work to put together the event, according to Jennifer Wright, deputy director of parks and recreation for the township.

"It takes about a month or so to coordinate, build and put together," she said. "Without giving anything away, people can experience the tractor ride through the maze and a walk through the forest."

Scare tactics and ideas come from the parks crew, the Tae Kwon Do who makes the sets and the volunteers, officials said.

"The biggest component is the

volunteers," said Anthony Mulkey, parks manager for the township. "We rely on the community for help, because it's not too scary when you just walk by a non-moving prop, you need the people, so we try to change it up every year and we do our best to make it scary. We try to provide the unexpected and by the reactions last year, I think we were very successful."

About 120 people usually go through the haunted forest per night, Mulkey said, some even multiple times.

"It's that element of surprise and the props," he said. "We take our time doing it, there's misdirection and you set the mood to keep people on edge."

"Plus, the park itself is dark and sets the mood with 'anticipation,'" said Wright.

Another ghastly option is Haunted Hill Acres, located on Carleton Road in Belleville.

For almost seven years now, this Halloween haven has offered a 'Haunted House of Monsters' with wax figures and monsters in cages; a pyramid maze with live monsters, courtyard entertainment and the main event: a half hour long haunted hayride, which features a 50 foot pirate ship.

"We're considered more of an entertainment place, we don't go for the big scare. We do have a scary maze, but we're more family oriented," said owner Bill Abraham.

Abraham and his brother, Lou, started Haunted Hills Acres for their friends and family, but it eventually grew around the neighborhood into a business.

"We figured we did it anyway, so why not," said Abraham. "I enjoy it, the kids enjoy it and it's grown, too."

"We're more of a mom and pop place," he added.

The Abrahams did add a few new scares this year, as well, hoping that

they'll continue to draw a crowd of more than 1,000 visitors.

"We prepare all year for this, but the month of September is really the busiest," said Abraham. "People come to have a good time and will come back to check it out, too."

Ticket prices at the Haunted Hills include: \$8 for the haunted hayride, \$6 for the pyramid maze and \$4 for the house of monsters. It is open on Friday, Saturday and Sundays from now until Oct. 31. The ticket office opens at 7 p.m. and parking is free.

The haunted forest is located at the south I-94 Service Drive, east of Rawsonville Road at Van Buren Park. It will take place from 8-11 p.m. on Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1. Tickets are \$8, \$7 with a valid school identification, and group rates are available. The event is not recommend for small children.

"It's a fun experience, it's close to home and compared to many other haunted attractions it's relatively

cheap," said Mulkey. "We encourage everyone to come out because it will be a lot of fun, plus there's some new surprises, too."

"Some people enjoy being scared in the end," said Wright. "We continue to do it because we get calls for it; it's a tradition."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to 'haunt', sell tickets or set-up for the Van Buren forest, contact the recreation department at (734) 699-8921. For more information on Haunted Hill Acres, call (734) 753-5523.

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Starfish Family Services wins accreditation

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Starfish Family Services programs received a nod from a national group that measures the quality of such programs.

The Inkster-based non-profit received reaccreditation status from the Council on Accreditation (COA), the agency announced this week.

"We are proud to be recognized by COA for the quality services and programs that we provide to the community in Southeastern Michigan," said Ann Kalass, the CEO of Starfish. "This accreditation also recognizes the dedicated and professional staff we have at Starfish. "We strive to provide exceptional programs to families in need with the ultimate goal of helping families create brighter futures for children."

As an accredited agency for more than 15 years, Starfish continues to be part of the council

Community of Excellence, which includes more than 1,800 private and public organizations that annually serve more than seven million children, individuals and families nationally and internationally.

According to data maintained by the COA, Starfish is one of just 78 human service agencies accredited by COA in the state of Michigan.

The COA reaccreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of organizational administrative operations and service delivery practices. Starfish was "measured" against national standards of best practice that emphasizes services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence-based and outcomes-oriented. In addition, the accreditation process confirms that a skilled and supported workforce provides the services and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

Starfish Family Services has

met and exceeded the highest national standards by delivering high-quality services, programs and professionals to the community it serves, officials noted.

Though Starfish is based in Inkster, it services all Wayne County residents who qualify.

Some of the programs include a comprehensive Headstart program, early childhood development classes, parenting improvement classes, high school completion classes, and food and clothing collections, among others.

Founded in 1977, COA is an independent not-for-profit international organization that accredits the full continuum of communi-

ty-based behavioral health care and human service organizations.

Starfish Family Services is the largest private, non-profit human service agency in western Wayne County. The agency offers 12 specialized programs at more than a dozen service sites to help educate and empower vulnerable families.

Most Starfish programs take place at its Hiveley Street headquarters in Inkster:

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Director of local airport wins ‘best’ award

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An airport authority executive received an honor from a trade association earlier this week.

Sean P. Bronson, the current director of emergency management for the Wayne County Airport Authority, was named “Airport Manager of the Year” for 2008 by the Michigan Association of Airport Executives for his tenure as the director of Willow Run Airport – a position he vacated in 2008 after 12 years.

Bronson said Tuesday that it’s nice to be recognized.

“The Michigan Airport Manager of the Year Award is recognition of the efforts of “team” at Willow Run

Airport and the great work that team accomplished together,” he said.

The association was founded in 1949 to represent airport management throughout Michigan. Since its inception, the group works to develop ways to assist the airports within the state to foster expertise and leadership within their respective organization. The association represents members at national meetings, and aims to make sure the needs of the membership are met. The group also promotes the passage of state and federal legislation and encourages better relations between airports and passengers.

Bronson received the recognition at a banquet that took place in

Mount Pleasant, where the annual association meeting took place.

The annual award is presented to the individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of their airport and the betterment of aviation in their community.

Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson said he’s also pleased Bronson has been recognized.

“The Airport Authority is proud that Michigan’s airport executives have recognized Sean’s extraordinary leadership and talent, which have served to strengthen the Airport Authority’s mission to operate the safest and most efficient airports possible,” he said.

Since leaving Willow Run – the area’s largest cargo airport —

Bronson has become Director of Emergency Management for Wayne County Airport Authority, which operates both Willow Run Airport and Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Cliff Moshoginis, a past president of the airport executives group, said experience is one reason the association recognized Bronson.

“Sean has been an advocate of Michigan aviation, and his tireless efforts toward the development of Willow Run Airport made him an easy choice for the award,” he said.

Though Detroit Metropolitan Airport, where Bronson is stationed, is the largest airport in the state, there are several smaller airfields throughout Michigan. The



Sean P. Bronson

association has a membership of 52 airports.

Calendar of events

Organization to host dinner

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) of Western Wayne County is hosting the annual “Fight for Freedom” dinner this month.

The dinner will take place from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Wayne Tree Manor in Wayne.

This year, the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Carlyle Fielding Stewart III, the pastor of Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield.

The honorary co-chairperson this year is Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes a year-long membership in the organization.

The Wayne Tree Manor is located at 31400 Van Born Road.

For more information, call Edna Parker, (734) 722-2868, Aaron Sims, (734) 334-0459 or Carl L. Johnson, (734) 612-9909

Chamber schedules guest

Rob Dumont, President, Tooling, Manufacturing & Technologies Association, will be a guest speaker at the greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon.

Dumont will discuss, importance of trade policy at a federal level, and how those policies effect state and local businesses.

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Embassy Suites, 8600 Wickham, Romulus.

The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. Registration starts at 11:30 am and lunch is at noon.

Reservations can be made by calling the chamber at (734) 893-0694 or by email at info@romuluschamber.com.

Second Monday Book Club continues

The Romulus Public Library still has dates and times for the Monday Night Book Club.

Book discussions are free and open to all residents age 18 and up. Participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books, or staff members will assist readers in getting inter-library loan copy.

The remaining books that will be analyzed include: *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon, which will discussed Oct. 13 and *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean, which will by discussed Nov. 10.

Refreshments will be served.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

— Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Wind

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along Ecorse Road, and the intersecting areas of Cogswell and Van Born Road, and Eureka and Interstate 275, Keyes said.

Michigan ripe for program

Renewable energy manufacturers are investing billions of dollars in expanding their capacities every day, and Michigan already has superior tool and die, metal fabrication, and metal working capabilities and a highly-developed manufacturing supplier network. This new legislation opens the door for the state to become a major player in the fast-growing renewable ener-

gy sector, Basham said.

Michigan has been identified by the United States Department of Energy as one of the top eight states in the nation for potential wind production.

The Department also recognizes Michigan as one of four states that will create more than 30,000 manufacturing jobs in the wind sector alone.

In communities like Romulus, which have struggled with a lag in development, record home foreclosures and joblessness among citizenry, officials are ready to throw caution to the wind.

“Alternative energy is important,” Lambert said. “It’s something that would be good for our manufacturing area.”

Levy

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and patch it.”

It’s scenario that did not shut down a building, but that is conceivable, Weiss said.

Other improvements that are needed include parking lot resurfacing, which Weiss said doesn’t directly touch students, but is a cause for concern.

“If there are cracks, it creates a situation where a student or a staff member could trip and break a leg,” he said. “We don’t want that to happen.”

Also, weeds tend to grow through cracks, which in and of itself isn’t a huge concern, but could create false perceptions of the schools.

“People talk about their maintaining their property values, and we don’t want to be a school district that has cracked pavement,” he said. “We want people to think positively of the

schools.”

Security an issue

Sinking fund dollars would also pay for upgrades to security systems, which have become commonplace in the schools.

“We have great security systems, but there are some aspects that we can improve,” Weiss said. “We would like keyless entry, so the secretary can look at a monitor inside and see who is at the door.

“I wish we didn’t have to worry about this kind of thing at schools, but eventually, (high quality security) is going to be expected,” he added.

The district has used general fund money to make repairs, but the sinking fund would give the district greater ability to make changes as they are needed, and before they become too cumbersome, Weiss said.

“Every dollar that we use from the general fund for a building repair is one we can’t use in the classroom, and we don’t want to do that.”

Belleville names new city attorney

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Tom DiPietro and John Day of DiPietro & Day in Belleville are the new city attorneys in Belleville.

The firm was appointed Monday night to replace former city attorney Tim Cronin by a 4-1 vote of the Belleville City Council members.

Councilman George Chedraue voted ‘no’ on the motion to dismiss Cronin and cast a negative vote on the hiring of DiPietro and Day. He said the ‘lack of communication’ cited as the reason for the change in legal counsel “sounds like it goes both ways” between Cronin and the city.

“Has anyone talked to (Tim) Cronin about the issues?” said Chedraue. “I sat down, looked at his billable hours and it was almost a set up for failure to get rid of him.”

Mayor Pro Tem Rick Dawson said the request for a new city attorney was prompted by Cronin’s failure to provide requested information to council members in a timely manner.

“One example is the initiative to get the charter amendment language on the November ballot,” he said.

“Requests were made and were not followed through,” said Mayor Richard Smith.

Resident Tom Fielder, the former mayor, said council members should have someone they trust and, if they don’t, they should have someone else.

“However, they’re (attorneys) going to tell you ‘no’ on a number of occasions; that’s their job,” Fielder said.

“The best way to do it is review your request for proposals and vote to give the job to someone else. The assumption is (Tim) Cronin will continue on until someone replaces him, but he has no contractual agreement to do so.”

According to the city charter, the mayor was to appoint another city attorney. After a review of responses, Smith said he was comfortable appointing DiPietro & Day.

“I do have personal contact with them, I have asked them for legal services, but not in a number of years, as I’m sure many others have, being that we’re a small town,” said Smith.

“I believe George (Chedraue) has even been employed by them at one time.

“They (DiPietro and Day) have helped create Harbour Pointe sub-

division, helped with the acquisition of the park with Wayne County and helped re-write the city penal code,” he added.

“I’m recommending them not because of a personal relationship, but because of their experience with council before. They told us what we should be doing and not be doing and served us well in the past. I think they will serve us well in the future.”

Smith said John Day would most likely do most of the representation. He charges \$125 per hour and there are no charges for mileage, which is a savings over the former city attorney, Smith said.

Chedraue, who voted ‘no’ to hire DiPietro & Day, said he wondered why “all of a sudden, they want to be the city attorney, when before he was distancing himself from the city.”

Council members also approved Plante & Moran as auditors for the fiscal year 2007/2008. They will prepare all audit schedules, oversee the audit and prepare financial statements, according to City Manager Diana Kollmeyer.

It will be the same contract as the fiscal year 2006/2007, and for the same dollar amount, Kollmeyer said.

Main Street project gets attention

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials are taking a new approach to the Main Street project.

City officials approved a resolution requesting the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) reconsider participation in the Main Street replacement and improvements. The resolution states that the city would like to move forward with all parts of the project, but doesn’t have adequate resources to fund the project, therefore, officials want the development authority to incorporate it into the development plan.

“The group chairman said they (the DDA) have no direction from the city,” said Mayor Richard Smith.

“They started a new development plan and wanted some direc-

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“I think all of you who have the idea that the city can get it done is a pipe dream.

MJ Dawson

tion,” added Mayor Pro Tem Rick Dawson.

Resident Mike Foley said this resolution is already in the plan, though.

“I was at a number of meetings. The development group adopted an actual resolution. It’s been referred back to the council and now you’re referring it back to the development authority,” said resident Pat Bruetsch. “I don’t think it

will ever get done with the DDA , therefore, I hope you keep it. There’s more stewardship of getting it done from this group, by far, than the other group.”

“The whole idea is the DDA had a plan and it got squashed,” said resident MJ Dawson. “I think all of you who have the idea that the city can get it done is a pipe dream. The DDA has the money.”

Resident Kay Atkins said she believes the development authority should be terminated in 2013.

“One thing the council can do is reclaim the property of those streets so we have money to pave and fund,” she said. “The DDA life expectancy is 2013 so I suggest presenting a program where you investigate reducing the amount the DDA property gets so we reclaim money to put in the general fund. I would rather see the city council divvy out that money.”

New Obama office opens on Inkster Road

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The presidential campaign has officially landed in Inkster.

Volunteers for presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama have opened an office in the back of the Hospitality Café in Inkster, at 27440 Inkster Road.

Michelle Noth, a volunteer for Obama who runs the office, said the main goal of having an official campaign office is to allow voters to get a better feel for a candidate.

“We have evening canvasses, phone banking every weekday evening,” she said.

Volunteers will work at the office to provide information to residents, provide evening canvasses, make provisions for phone banking, and other activities.

Campaign offices are a staple of presidential elections.

The opening of the office means that in Michigan, 51 Obama offices will be available to voters. In Wayne County, the Obama camp has four

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Michelle Noth

additional offices in Dearborn, Canton, Taylor, and Detroit.

The campaign state headquarters is also in Detroit.

The opening of an Inkster office comes late in the election cycle, but at a point where there is intense interest among voters.

Though the deadline to register to vote has passed, the interest in the election has not waned.

Inkster City Clerk Velida Gutierrez-Smith said that about 50 people a day are coming into the Inkster Clerk’s Office at city hall to apply for absentee ballots.

The news of an Inkster office came on the heels of an announcement that Sen. John McCain, the Republican contender for the nation’s top job, was pulling most of his resources from Michigan, which pollsters believe is likely to once again be a blue state once the votes are counted.

In 2004, voters handed Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) the 18 state electoral votes.

Michigan is considered to be ground zero for the economical problems in the state, and one that was considered to be one of a handful of “battleground states.”

Inkster typically sways heavily toward Democrats, according to past voting records.

Gutierrez-Smith has said she believes voter turnout will likely be higher than it was in 2004.

The office will be open from noon until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 7 p.m.

Parking is in the back of the store. The general election is Nov. 4.

Opinion

Our votes for county commissioner go to...

Voters in Plymouth and Northville face several difficult decisions when they head to the polls in November. Among them is who will serve the community as the Wayne County Commissioner in the 10th District.

The job has been the incumbent Laura Cox's for the past four years. Challenger Susan Clark of Plymouth has thrown her hat into the ring.

There's a lot to like about Clark, too. Her background as a CPA would be a welcome addition and she has plenty of community service on her resume, including time as president of the Plymouth Fall Festival Board and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

We think the community would be best served by returning Cox to the seat, however.

Through her four years on the commission, she has quietly built of relationships that will help the district. Community leaders have found her to be responsive, as well.

It's not easy being in the Republican minority on the

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With an ever-shrinking budget and more and more demands for county funding, it will be important to have an experienced person serving Plymouth and Northville on the county commission.

county commission—just ask State Sen. Bruce Patterson or Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, who both spent time in that position—but Cox has managed to make the position work for her and the community.

With an ever-shrinking budget and more and more demands for county funding, it will be important to have an experienced person serving Plymouth and Northville on the county commission. We like Clark's qualifications, but think

Cox is better suited for the job at this time.

Vote for **Laura Cox** on Nov. 4.

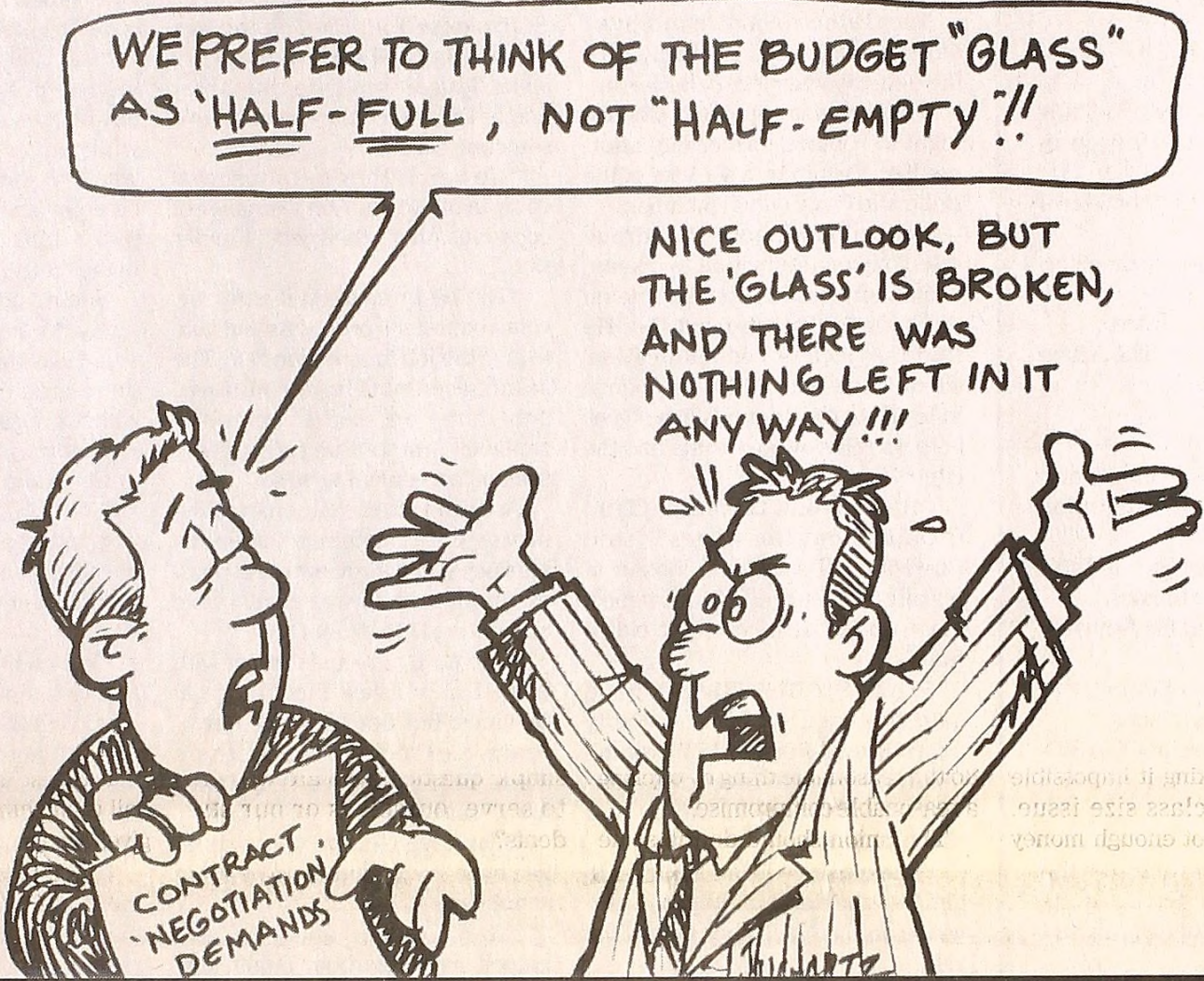
Gephart best for District 12

Voters in Westland and Inkster also have a tough choice ahead of them in Joan Gephart and Tom Thompson, the two remaining candidates to replace Ronaele Bowman—who was appointed to replace long-serving Kay Beard.

This time, it's not a matter of choosing between two qualified candidates, but merely the best of who remains. There were plenty of better candidates eliminated in the August primary.

We think Gephart is the better choice here. She has a background of community service and some experience serving on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. Thompson is a likeable enough fellow, but it didn't appear that he would take the job very seriously.

At the very least, that's what we need on the commission. If nothing else, Gephart will do that. Vote for **Joan Gephart** on Nov. 4.



They can't have it both ways

The main points of contention between the Wayne-Westland Education Association (WWEA) and the school district are benefits and class sizes.

Members of the teacher's union want to maintain their existing benefit package and they want a reduction in class sizes.

Our advice? Pick one. They're not going to get both.

Even with the reduction in health care benefits proposed by the district, teachers will still have a generous plan—compared to most of the rest of us. It's good enough for the administration and school principals, which already receive the package.

The change would save the district more than \$1 million over the course of two years, which is money that can be put back where it belongs—in the classroom, where it will benefit those who need it most: the children.

These choices are going to prop up more and more often in school districts across the state. They're the same types of choices that most private companies are making in this difficult economy. Looking for ways to remain cost-competitive, they are forced to reduce costs wherever they can. And, in the current market, that means that employees everywhere are contributing more to their health care benefits—or going without all together.

It's not the way anyone would like it to go, but it's an economic reality.

Pushing for reduced class sizes is a laudable goal, too. No one likes to see a crowded, chaotic classroom. Nobody likes to think of a teacher—already overworked as they usually are—trying to handle too many students because all of them tend to suffer for it. Everyone would most likely have the same opinion on this—teachers, district administrators, parents and the youngsters themselves.

The truth of the matter is,

'Find out what it means to me ...'

Greg Baracy and other members of the administration at the Wayne-Westland Community School District (WWCSD) have had a tough hill to climb in recent years.

Beginning with voter approval of the 1998 sinking fund, they have worked hard to improve the image of the district. They've updated virtually every building and athletic facility to bring it up to the level—or, in my opinion, above—that of neighboring districts. We now have facilities that rank up with the best.

I've written in the past about how impressed I was with the district, the efforts to improve schools and get the word out about the changes taking place. Through fiscal responsibility, the administration and the school board had built up a substantial fund balance—and that turned out to be a good thing,

too, since they've had to chip away at that for several years because of failures to provide adequate funding at the state level. I've defended it at school board meetings or with school board members in Plymouth and Northville.

"Hey," I'd say, "If you haven't been there lately, take a look now."

Ahem.

I suppose now a lot of people are taking that advice now. They're looking now, as the district has become the first one in more than 15 years—outside of Detroit—where teachers have organized a 'work stoppage' because of what they characterize as contentious contract negotiations.

What an embarrassment.

What a sad state of affairs.

This action is going to cast a shadow on all the hard work dis-

trict administrators have put in to ensure that the schools are operating as efficiently as possible, that the services they provide are second to none, that the educational opportunities in Wayne-Westland meet or exceed those of surrounding districts.

It cuts at the foundation of the community.

The worst part about it—at least to me—is that this action is couched as a request for respect. This has been a bone of contention for me through all difficult contract negotiations—which, by the way, always seem to involve teacher unions. They always say the administration or the school board doesn't respect them because they don't give in to their demands.

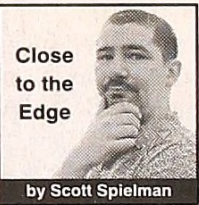
They're usually the ones who make it personal. The Wayne-

Westland school board members are trying to make sound business decisions. Everyone would like to have smaller classes; the administration would love to be able to offer the Cadillac of insurance plans, but they'd be wrong to offer what they can't afford.

This is not a personal issue. It's not about respect. It's about business. It's about doing what's right for the overall operation and making sound choices based on the state of the economy.

If the teachers' union isn't careful, they will carry out this self-filling prophecy.

If they want to lose the respect of the district—and the community—they should continue on this silly course of action.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Who will get to the magic number first?

Time flies when you're having fun in the cheap seats.

That's especially so in the fall when the weeks are crossed off the calendar quicker than Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin can conjoin the phrases "Maverick" and "Joe Six-Pack" in one sentence.

Football is a unique sport in the sense that the regular season actually matters. In other sports like basketball, volleyball, soccer and—eh—every other sport, all teams make it to district play.

Not so in football where 6-3 is the magic number for a team to make it to the next level. Finally the regular season means something somewhere.

Now might be a premature time to stare into the crystal ball and predict the playoff scenario for teams in Journal Land but after just six very quick weeks the cream has already risen to the top.

Although the picture isn't crystal clear yet and some focusing is needed during the final three weeks to mat, frame and mount what is still just a static image, a

few teams are just one game away from securing a spot in the post season while some are on the bubble and others already out of the frame—if not ever in it.

Before the button is even pressed and the shutter opens, there are some teams just destined to head to the playoffs.

The first that comes to mind is Canton. After missing the playoffs last year and a slow start this season, the Chiefs are firing on all cylinders with Coach Tim Baechler at the helm. The Chiefs beat a tough Franklin team, 49-34, on Friday to gain a 5-1 record. One more win is all they need. A playoff berth looks eminent, facing a 2-4 Churchill this week, a cross over with an undetermined opponent next week and a struggling Salem (1-5) squad to finish the season.

Also in the Kensington Lakes South division are the ultra speedy Plymouth Wildcats. Under head coach Mike Sawchuk the team, with its high-powered offense and stout defense, touts a 5-1 record. Plymouth's only loss was to the

above Canton Chiefs. The Cats are at Franklin this week, at a crossover game next week and finish against a hot and cold Romulus (3-3). All the Cats need is one more and they're in. If the Cats meet the Chiefs in a district rematch it could be the best game of the season in Journal Land.

Another sure bet to make the playoffs is Inkster.

The Vikings also rest at 5-1. And after missing the playoffs last year due to a debacle that turned its 9-0 season into a 1-8, Inkster is ready to make a point this year. Inkster struggled early on with its offense but a 49-7 victory over Ypsilanti on Saturday proves Coach Greg Carter has things under control. Melvindale, Romulus and Allen Park—all away games—are left on the docket. A win at Melvindale should secure a playoff spot.

The team on the move this year is Northville. After a one-win 2007 season the Mustangs are at 4-2 right now under first-year Northville Coach Matt Ladach. The 'Stangs are two wins out of the picture and

a have a good chance to make it to districts



From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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Letters

Commissioner explains funding

To the editor:

In regards to your column ("County park plan just doesn't add up"), I agree with your contention that the parks millage has been a type of political tool since county voters first approved it in 1996. That's why I have made reforming the parks millage a number one priority since taking office as Wayne County Commissioner on Jan. 1, 2007.

On Sept. 25, my reform promise became a reality when a budget amendment I crafted was adopted by the Wayne County Commission. Under this amendment, 25 percent of parks millage revenue raised in a community will be returned to that community to spend on local parks and recreation activities.

The Wayne County Executive initially vetoed this amendment, but quickly withdrew his veto when Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and other Western Wayne elected leaders voiced their strong support for our new funding formula.

The parks millage was initially levied as a measure to provide a dedicated source of funding for the Wayne County Parks System, which were in great need of repair and investment, as you indicated. The money has restored the grandeur of Hines Park, Elizabeth Park in Trenton and other county assets that are enjoyed by residents of every Wayne County community.

Under our new funding formula, the parks millage will also contribute to local recreational efforts in a fairer and more equitable manner.

Kevin McNamara
Wayne County Commissioner

Former union president disappointed by strike

To the editor;

My name is Steve Becher. I am

currently the treasurer of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

A few years ago I retired after teaching in the Wayne-Westland Community School District for 29 years. I taught at both Madison Elementary School and Marshall Middle School. My wife also taught in the district for 33 years. Both my children graduated from Wayne-Westland schools, and they are now well-educated, successful adults with children of their own.

I am extremely proud of this district and proud to have served as a teacher in this district. In fact, I was elected to the office of president of the WWEA, our teachers' union, and held that position for three years. While WWEA president, I sat at the negotiating table representing the teachers' union and successfully negotiated a contract. So I am very familiar with the negotiation process – proposals are given and then counter-proposals are given, and so on until an agreement is reached. I am also extremely familiar with the current WWEA contract as well as the negotiation process that has occurred over the past several weeks.

I am extremely disheartened with the path the WWEA's bargaining team has chosen to take in negotiating a contract for their teachers. I believe Wayne-Westland teachers continue to be highly regarded and respected professionals that care about our students. I also believe that Wayne-Westland teachers have not been given accurate, timely information about the proposals that have been on the table and are currently on the table.

I have met with the entire Board of Education many times to give the board's team direction regarding negotiations. I have carefully reviewed the last proposal to the WWEA from the Board of

Education. Both President Martha Pitsenbarger and Vice-President Skip Monit have observed the negotiation process and have sat in at the negotiation table. I believe the board's proposal given on Sept. 30, 2008 is an extremely fair and equitable proposal that addresses the concerns of the teachers I have talked to.

As a board member I have had to take many things into account as I carry out my responsibilities. I am elected to serve the parents of the community and to do what is best for the children, and, yes, to balance the school's budget. At the same time I want to provide all bargaining groups within the district with fair and equitable contracts. I know my fellow board members feel the same way.

I am asking teachers and community members to do two things:

Go to the district website – wwcsd.net – and read for yourself a copy of the last board proposal given to the WWEA leadership on Sept. 30, 2008. The proposal on the website is exact, verbatim language – word for word – as it was handed to the WWEA at the negotiating table.

Encourage the WWEA leadership to stay at the table to continue to bargain in good faith until these issues are resolved. We cannot put the children of this district in the middle. We all have the responsibility and moral obligation to teach our children what is right and what is wrong. What is right, is for adults to settle their differences through agreed upon legal means.

We are all concerned in our country and in our state about our economic future. Each time I turn on the news I am shocked by the latest economic problems. Now is not the time for divisiveness. We need to pull together as a school district and protect the jobs that we have. More importantly, we need to

prepare our students for the volatile, ever changing global economy.

It is important to remember the board's proposals gives raises to ALL Wayne-Westland teachers. NO ONE will lose health insurance. Three of the board's proposals on insurance have the teachers paying NOTHING for health insurance. Class size is lowered in the second and third years of the proposal.

In this school year, cuts in State Aid and loss of approximately 400 students will cost the district approximately \$1.6 million. The cost of fuel to bus our students approximately 1,000,000 miles per year has increased the last couple of years from \$300,000 per year to \$554,000 last year.

For the past 8 years, the district has won national awards for accounting and financial reporting. We were one of three districts out of 534 in the state to win these prestigious awards. We will receive our ninth award at the October school board meeting. No one is hiding or mismanaging money in the Wayne-Westland district. As Michigan's and the nation's economy continues to slip closer and closer towards recession and families are losing their homes, their health insurance and their pensions, what we can afford to offer the teachers is fair and equitable. Please remember to visit the district's web-site for the entire proposal.

I am proud to be a member of the Board of Education. I am equally proud to be a former teacher and former president of the teachers' union – the WWEA. But most importantly, I am proud to be a resident and parent in the Wayne-Westland Community School District, a district that always has and must continue to put our children FIRST.

Steve Becher

Magic

FROM PAGE 4

with a beatable Novi squad at home on Friday, a crossover next week and a struggling Walled Lake Northern for Week 9.

Ladach's former team, Romulus, is on the bubble this season. The Eagles are currently 3-3 on the season but struggle each week with what type of team they are going to be. They only have three weeks left to prove they deserve to be a playoff one.

First year head coach Keith Wittkopp has done a good job rebounding the team from a sub par 2007 campaign. The Eagles probably have it the toughest headed into the final three weeks. Not to say they can't do it but the Eagles face a pretty good Ypsilanti team this Friday, followed by a heavy-weight bout with Inkster and a non-league tussle with Plymouth in the final regular season game.

John Glenn looked like they were a team ready to step up in the second half of the season but a 19-0 loss to Plymouth on Friday knocked them out of playoff contention. The Rockets are 2-4 now. Although it is unlikely, with some help—a lot of it—they might have a chance with a 5-4 record. The scenario is rare but teams have done it in the past. They need to get by Wayne, a crossover and Walled Lake Western to reach the 5-4 mark, though.

The season seemed to be over as quick as it started for the Wayne Memorial Zebras and the Belleville Tigers. Both teams are winless at 0-6 and won't have a chance to make the post season. Belleville and Wayne are both growing programs looking for some stability. Teams beware next year.

So there you have it. The quick look through the viewfinder is nothing more than just that—take it for what it's worth. Just as a reminder, I don't call them the cheap seats for nothing.

The best thing about high football is anything can happen on any given Friday.

Teachers

FROM PAGE 4

though, by sticking to their guns on the health care issues, the teachers' union is making it impossible to address the class size issue. There's simply not enough money

to do both.

The school district is trying to do the reasonable thing by offering a reasonable compromise.

The union should do the same

thing. Which should they choose? To us, the answer is easy. Just ask a simple question: who are we here to serve, ourselves or our students?

Watch for daily news updates on our website www.journalgroup.com

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1. Obituaries



John Lee Robinson
"June Bug"

Sunrise: February 18, 1948
Sunset: September 20, 2008
He leaves to cherish his memory; three children- T a m m i e (K e l l y), Yolanda (Johnny) and John Jr. (Jennifer); eight grandchildren Johnny III, Kelli, Alyssa, Alona, Israel, Kelsey, Kaylani, and Katelyn; fiancé Ann Getter; a nephew Corey with whom he shared a special bond; and a host of relatives and friends.

Penn Funeral Home, 3015 S. Inkster Rd., Inkster, MI
Pastor York A. LaFleur & Rev. Mark Raiz, Officiating Ministers
Interment: Detroit Memorial Park-West, 25062 Plymouth rd., Redford, MI



Mario Shannon Rice

Sunrise: July 16, 1977
Sunset: September 22, 2008

Mario was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, friend and God fearing man that will truly be missed. He was called home on September 22, 2008. He leaves to cherish his memories: A devoted wife Kelly Rice; three children: Shannon E. Rice, Celeb Baker and Jasmine Streets; his parents: Crystal & Calvin Carter and Marty Rice ; four siblings: Cassandra (Anthony) Shaw, John (LaVeida) Carter, Marty M. Rice and Kohl Shelton; grandparents: Sally Rice, Lillie Carter and Polly Lopez; nieces & nephew: Kendal M. Carter, Ariel Shelton, Jayla & Joslyn Carter and Elijah Shaw; and a host of other loving family and friends. His grandmother Joyce Reed proceeded him in death.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 35568 Beverly Rd., Romulus, MI 48174
Rev. James A. Thompson, Officiating
Penn Funeral Home, 3015 S. Inkster, Inkster, MI 48141
Tri-County Cremation Service, Ypsilanti, MI

Celia M. Glinski
Age 100 passed away Oct. 4, 2008.
Dear Mother of Celia Dailey-Brimbley, MI, JoAnn Mason-Belleville, MI and Martin (Joan) Glinski-Huron Twp., MI. Sister of Florence (Edward) Nowortya-Gregory, MI and Stella (Pete) Soloman-Westland,

MI. Grandmother of twenty four,
Great Grandmother of forty-five
and G. Great of five. She was preceded in passing by her Parents Albert and Josephine (Dolonga) Tabaczynski, Husband Martin L. Glinski. Daughters Eleanor LeBlanc and Dolores Gorczyca Brothers Steve, Marshall and Frank Tabaczynski, Sisters Josephine Keene, Helen Thorald and Ann Lukomski, Grandson Nicholas LeBlanc. Friends may call at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd., Romulus #734-941-9200, Thursday, 12-9pm, Rosary at 6pm. Prayers, Friday, 9:45am to St. Stephen Catholic Church Mass, 10:30am Father John Hedges officiating. Interment, Michigan Memorial Park. Memorials to Diabetes Assn. www.cranefuneralhome.net



Mother Devonia L. Martin
Sunrise September

22, 1918
Sunset September 27, 2008
She leaves to cherish and celebrate her life: two loving daughter, Mattie E. Smith and Earlene (Charles) Tye; nine grandchildren, Carles Tye Jr., Ruth Smith, Ida Smith, David Smith, Sarah (Carlos) Mosley, Caprice (William) Banks, Elisha (Nichole) Smith, Elijah (Veda) Smith, Pastor John T. (Bonita) Smith; seventeen great grandchildren, Michael, Courtney, Shaneka, Steven, Darnell, Emmanuel, Alexis, Rayan, Christian, Jayzattius, Camery, Kasey, Je'von, Jaden, Carlos Jr., Kaya, Nekko; two sisters, Gazella Davis of Little Rock, Arkansas and Emma Lee Duff of Det., MI. and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ
Pastor Edwrad Thomas Jr. Officiating
Penn Funeral Home, James H. Penn and Son-Directors
Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

Dennis M. Komara, age 53, of Wayne, died Sun., October 5, 2008 at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born April 2, 1955 in Ypsilanti, to the late Michael Edward & Rita Florence (Greca) Komara. A 1973 graduate of Belleville High School. He received a B.A. of accounting from Schoolcraft in 1994 and worked as as accounts payable clerk at Carlin America, enjoyed all sports, he was a huge Michigan State fan. Dennis was in a wheelchair since his accident in 1979 and was an inspiration to all who knew him. Dennis is survived by his mother, a sister Michelle (David) Lockwood of Belleville, a brother Steven (Eda) Komara of Belleville, special friends Robert Carlson and Steven Joliet, both of Wayne, daughter Amy Marie (Ron) Hall of Fenton, two grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by his father, a brother Gary Edward Komara. Visitation will be 1-4pm & 6-8pm, Wednesday and 12-1pm Thursday, with a 1pm Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial Contributions to spinal cord injury or stem cell research. Please sign guest book at www.david-c-brownfh@aol.com

cbrownfh@aol.com



Peggy Denise Kreer
Sunrise: August 18, 1953
Sunset: September 28, 2008
Cherish her memory of love are; two handsome sons, Maurice Graham and Merrick Kreer of Detroit, MI, six grandchildren, Dorothea Ali' of Birmingham, Alabama, Kayla King, Markies, Martez, Marvin and Matio Graham of Det., MI, two sisters, Gail (Willie) Williams of Inkster, MI and Joyce Pullins of Bellflower, California, one brother, Arnold (Ruth) Pullins of Kansas City, Missouri, five nieces, three nephews

and a host of other relatives and friends. Peoples Community Missionary Baptist 29745 Annapolis Rd., Westland, MI
Pastor Vincent J. Matthews, Officiating
The Penn Funeral Home, James H. Penn & Son, Directors
Tri-County Cremation



Paul Anthony Granberry, Jr.
Sunrise September 28, 1964
Sunset September 29, 2008
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2. In Memoriam



Kimberly Montour Dailey It's been 5 yrs. but it seems like just yesterday. We love and miss you but are always with us. Mom, Danny Jr., Jessica and grandsons, Blake, Chase, and Tyler. God be with you.

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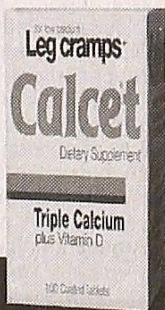
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A 'Maze'ing Corn Maze at Maybury Farm is annual fall treat

It's that time of year again.

There are spooky pumpkins, frightening monsters at haunted houses and skeletons perched on otherwise normal looking suburban homes.

But in the large cornfield at Maybury Farm, this time of year can mean only one thing: The Halloween Corn Maze.

"This year, it's just fabulous," noted Westland Community Foundation Director Shari Peters. The foundation operates the farm and has restored the facility after a fire several years ago burned the community treasure to the ground. Since the rebuilding efforts, all completed with donations and volunteers, have been under way, the corn maze is one of the major fundraising events for the efforts.

"In this economy, this is something people can still do and have a great evening of entertainment, and we have something for all ages, Peters noted.

This year, younger visitors can try finding their way through a less-challenging maze and then visit with the animals in the Maybury Farm barn. "There are lots of them this year, too," Peters said. "And we also have our hay maze for younger visitors."

Ticket holders will be driven in the hay wagon to starting point of the maze, designed by Northville High School student Tom Bennett as part of his Eagle Scout project.

"Actually, he did two mazes, one for those who are up for the challenge and another for the younger ones," Peters said. "Believe it or not, the maze is the shape of a water molecule."

The maze is sponsored by Meijer, and this year intrepid visitors will be asked to find 10 animal posts and have cards stamped to verify they completed the entire challenge.

After completion of the 12-acre maze, there is a return hayride to

the farm welcome center.

According to Peters, the paths are wider this year and there are several more zigs and zags than visitors may have experienced in past years. "It really is just a rite of fall for so many people," Peters said. "We get visitors from everywhere, it is such a popular attraction."

The maze is open from 5 until 9 p.m. on Fridays and from 1 until 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The last wagon leaves for the maze at 8 p.m. and Peters cautioned that it may take up to two hours to complete the puzzle.

"It has become so popular, we now have reservations available for church groups, Scout groups, senior citizens and even corporations are bringing people through. It really is fun," Peters said.

Tickets are \$8 for those 11 and older and \$5 for those 3 through 10. Tickets can be purchased at the welcome center.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road, about 1.75 miles west of Beck Road. It is separate from Maybury State Park and visitors are cautioned not to use the state park entrance or they will be charged for parking on state land.

"Come to the driveway past the farm house. Watch for the signs," Peters said. "You'll have an amazing time."

For more information, phone (248) 374-0200.



The annual Corn Maze at Maybury Farm takes up 12 acres and is one of the most popular attractions in the area every fall. This aerial view was provided to the Northville Community Foundation by a local pilot who flew over the maze last week.



Pumpkins will be sold

A new feature has been added to the Corn Maze at Maybury Farm this year.

"For years, people have been asking us to sell pumpkins from the farm, so this year, we are selling them all, any size, any shape, for \$2 during the Corn Maze," noted Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, which manages the farm.

Northville Farm grows about 3 acres of pumpkins each year, Peters noted, and the crop this year is "pretty good."



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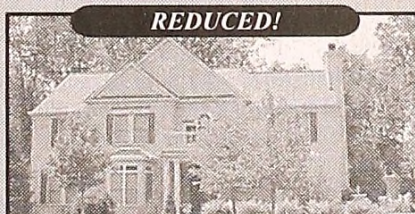
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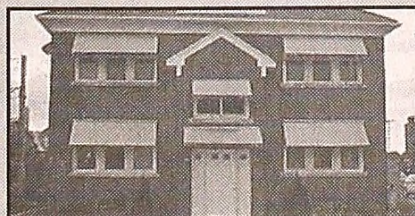


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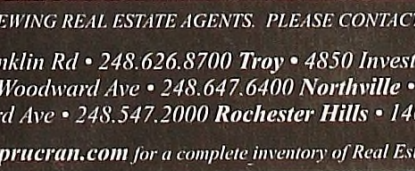
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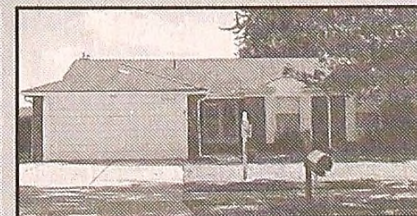


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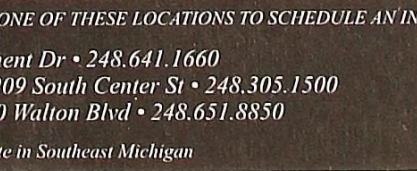
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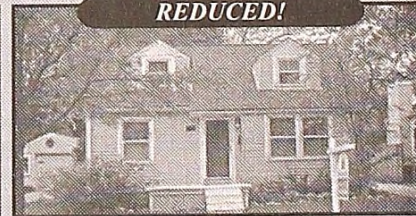


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25 apply to become new Belleville City Clerk

Andrea King
 Staff Writer

Twenty-five people have applied for the Belleville clerk/treasurer position.

The deadline to apply for the spot expired recently and the applications will now go to the Civil Service Commission for review.

“We got a pretty good turnout,” said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. “Most of the applications we received are people with some kind of financial background, mostly banking, tax work and management.”

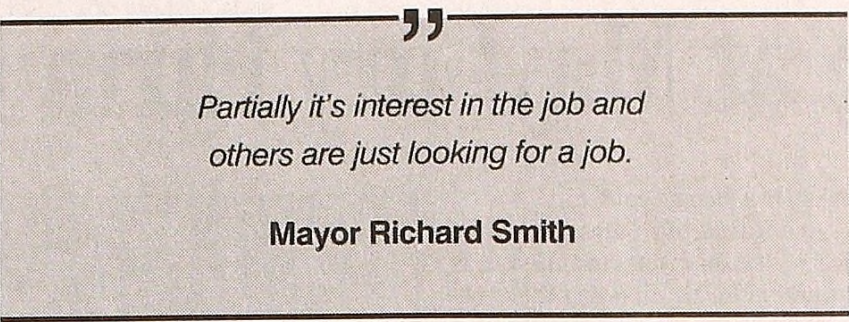
Qualifications include: a high school diploma or GED equivalent with specialized course work in general office practices, such as filing, typing and, a minimum of two years of government related experience.

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practices of modern public administration, a working knowledge of human resource administration and modern records of management techniques were also included. Someone skilled in the operation of office tools and equipment, a working knowledge of computers and electronic data processing and proficiency in Microsoft Office products, are also in need, according to officials.

“I think it’s a very good turnout,” said Mayor Richard Smith. “We still have to go through the qualifications, but the turnout is good.”

Candidates must have the ability to accurately record and maintain records, have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, supervisors, other departments, officials and the public, along with the ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing,



Mayor Richard Smith

officials said.

The candidate will also be required to have the ability to effectively meet and deal with the public and handle stressful situations, according to officials.

Candidates must also be bondable, have a state driver’s license and become a Notary Public. They will also be required to achieve certified municipal clerk and treasurer’s status, as well. Salary and benefits are negotiable based on qualifications.

All applicants are in state, except for one, and, two are also in-house employees, Kollmeyer said.

“There are a lot of locals, which isn’t surprising because of how poorly the job market is,” she said.

“Partially it’s interest in the job and others are just looking for a job,” said Smith. “There’s been a big change in the job market, a lot more layoffs and such so people are looking for employment.”

Council members continue to review the salary structure, which

could be around \$45-50,000, plus benefits and, based on qualifications.

“We’re hopeful,” said Smith. We want to find someone very quickly because the city manager (Diana Kollmeyer) is still doing two jobs. We do have Michelle (Bellingham) to help part time, but there’s still a lot Diana has to do.”

A public meeting will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 13. The civil commission will then start interviews with candidates at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 28. Recommendations will then go to the city council.

“The civil service commission will review resumes on who they’d like to interview, which could be four or five people, then the recommended hiring list will go to city council,” said Kollmeyer. “We hope to have that to council by Nov.3.”

For more information, contact city hall at (734) 697-9323.

District leads the way in battling school drop-out rate

Andrea King
 Staff Writer

The Van Buren Public School District is taking concerns about school dropout rates to Lansing.

Next week, Brooke Ballee, curriculum director for the schools, along with officials at Eastern Michigan University, the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools and the Indiana Urban Schools, will testify before the State Board of Education about the correlation of graduation rates and the Project Lead the Way program. As an expert witness, Ballee will speak about the implementation and the success of Project Lead the Way, what the school district is using and how.

“I’ve been visiting the labs and it’s great to see the kids being able to do what they should be doing: using the knowledge they’re learning, while they’re learning it,” said Ballee. “It’s (Project Lead the Way) a big reason to keep kids in schools, preventing dropouts and giving them multiple pathways and, the dropout rate for these students is lower; also, the achievement scores in math and science are higher.”

Project Lead the Way is a hands-on, project-based curriculum for science and technology education. The curriculum and delivery approach teaches traditional science and math subjects in a highly effective way that meets the requirements of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education, while stimulating the relevant career interested in these fields, critical for today’s global economy, according to officials.

North and South middle schools, along with Belleville High School implemented the program this school year.

“We saw a big positive this year,” said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district. “We’ve already seen changes in kids. They’re excited about classes and from a parental point of view, when you walk into one of these classrooms; they’re excited, talkative and working.

“You can see the different energy and interest factor,” he added. “They get instruction in lecture and immediately use the

information hands-on so this really fits well with the curriculum at the high school and with the state.”

The Project Lead the Way curriculum offers five courses to middle school students and eight to high school students with the aim of preparing them for college courses and future careers.

At the middle schools, the curriculum ‘Gateway to Technology’ provides five units of study: design and modeling, the magic of electrons, the science of technology, automation and robotics and flight and space. They’re designed to captivate the middle schools students interest, while at the same time addressing national standards in math, science and technology. Gateway to Technology also reaches out to students of many experiences, focusing its goals to increase the interest and awareness of female and minority students in technology-related careers, officials said.

At the high school, Project Lead the Way is compromised of a four-year sequence of courses, combined with college preparatory classes and, introducing students to the rigor, scope and excitement of engineering and technology, according to officials.

Its ‘user-friendly’ approach also builds a ‘can-do’ attitude, which encourages students who may have been wary of science and math subjects, officials said. Class offerings are: introduction to engineering design, digital electronics, principals of engineering, computer integrated manufacturing, civil engineering and architecture, bio technical engineering, aerospace engineering and the capstone course engineering design and development.

“It’s the hands on component that gives them that,” said Ballee. “Specifically, at the high school, like the CAD program; it’s something they can use and they find out they can use it when they’re older.”

All curriculum is aligned with the State of Michigan benchmarks and standards and, meets about 75-80 percent of the Michigan benchmarks in all content areas, according to officials.

Teachers of the Van Buren Public School District attended training for the program at

Eastern Michigan University last summer, including projects like building a marble sorter and making a ballistic device (ping-pong launcher).

Officials said introduction at the high school level allows students to more knowledgeably explore their own interest in engineering and related careers. Students who participate are better prepared for these college courses, helping to reduce the national attrition rate, too. Students who participate

can also get college credit for their high school work thanks to agreements with Eastern Michigan University and the Wayne County Community College District.

“We’re new at starting the program, but this is the only recognized STEM education program in Michigan,” said Ballee.

The State Board of Education meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Lansing. For more information, contact the school district at (734) 697-9123.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 08/09-09 - Ice Melter For Off-Road Use

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from suppliers of chemicals to be used for the removal of snow and ice from the walkways of all City buildings for the 2008/2009 snow season.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids *must do so on forms provided by the City*. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Agent, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us or are available to download from the *“Bid Requirements”* section on the City of Romulus Web Site; <http://ci.romulus.mi.us>

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the *City Clerk’s Office* no later than 3:00pm, Wednesday, October 22. At approximately 3:15 all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE
 BID 08/09-09 - Ice Melter For Off-Road Use
 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

(3) The City reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

(4) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus Purchasing Agent, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Trustee Hart arrived at 4:04 p.m. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Director Champagne, Attorney Szymanski, Attorney Owens, Attorney Vinson, Secretary Cline and no audience was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: To be held in the Denton Room to discuss pending litigation, case number 04-436630-CZ and to discuss pending litigation, case number 07-726103-NO.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to recess to Closed Session to discuss pending litigation, case number 04-436630-CZ and to discuss pending litigation, case number 07-726103-NO. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Payne, Hart, Rochowiak, Budd, Clair, Jahr and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

There being no further discussion, the Special Board Meeting was recessed to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m. The Special Board Meeting was reconvened at 5:09 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Clair seconded to accept the attorney’s recommendation regarding pending litigation in case number, 04-436630-CZ. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Rochowiak, Hart, Clair, Payne and King. Nays: Jahr. Absent: None. (No discussion due to pending litigation) Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to accept the attorney’s recommendation regarding pending litigation in case number, 07-726103-NO. (No discussion due to pending litigation) Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 5:11 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
 Date: _____
 Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
 Approved: _____
 Supervisor

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS

City of Romulus
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 The Downriver River Consortium, Downriver Community
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BID 08/09/08 JCM 161 (OR EQUIVALENT)
 FABRICATED LUG ALL STAINLESS STEEL CLAMP COUPLINGS

The City of Romulus along with the collective members of the Downriver Consortium (up to 15 communities) are seeking sealed bids for 12 month contract pricing for the purchase of JCM 161 (OR EQUIVALENT), FABRICATED LUG ALL STAINLESS STEEL CLAMP COUPLINGS,

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must use forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Agent, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or are available to download from the City of Romulus Web Site: <http://ci.romulus.mi.us>

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the *City Clerk’s Office* no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2008.

(3) BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

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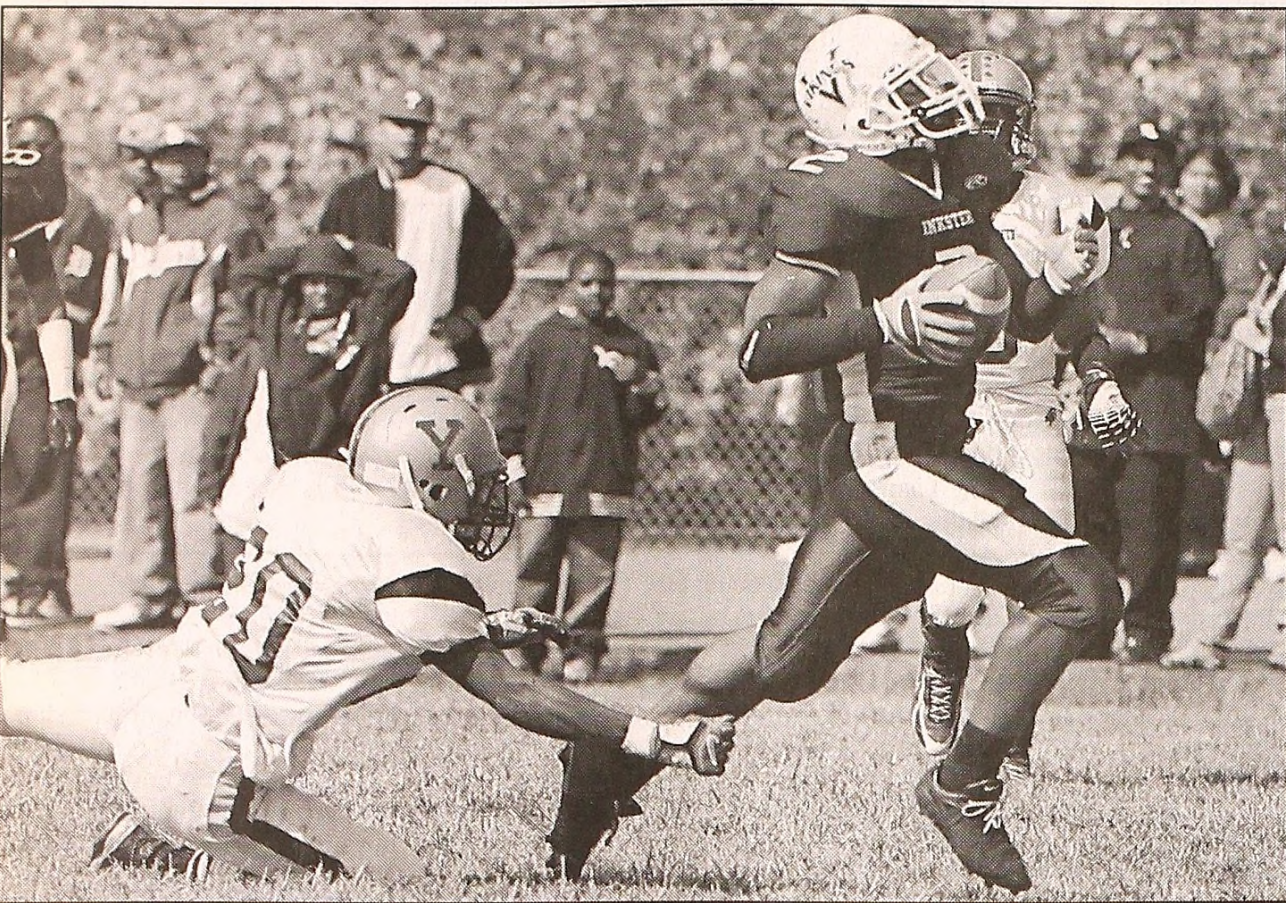
(4) All timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Downriver Consortium to be held at 9:00am, Tuesday, October 21, 2008 in room 133 of the Downriver Community Conference, 15100 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48185.

(5) The City along with the Consortium’s membership reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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Inkster senior running back Alan Freeman escapes tacklers for a 43-yard touchdown run in the Vikings' 49-7 victory over Ypsilanti. Photo by Jeff Novak

Vikings baffle Ypsilanti, 49-7

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

If the Inkster Vikings weren't firing on all cylinders before, they sure are now.

Saturday's homecoming match with visiting Ypsilanti was a scoring smorgasbord for the Vikings, who put Ypsi away, 49-7.

"We played well against a good team," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "It's about time that we played the way we are capable against a good team because they have a lot of weapons and are physical but we played a really good game."

Ypsilanti was poised to make the playoffs this year but it was Inkster that took another step closer. The Vikings improved their record to 5-1-one game away from

securing a playoff berth.

The story of the day was the Vikings offensive line that bought junior quarterback Devin Gardner time to complete 9-of-16 passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns and opened holes for his 132 rushing yards and senior running back Alan Freeman's 83. Each scored two touchdowns.

"The offensive line is growing up," Carter said.

Inkster only needed four plays to get on the board in the first quarter. Freeman broke loose for a 43-yard jaunt to make it happen. Gardner scored the two-point conversion with a keeper for an 8-0 lead just 1:32 into the game.

The Viking charge stalled after that. Ypsi stacked the box and controlled the ground game. Senior defensive back Al Backey

even snagged an interception to halt an Inkster drive.

Ypsi looked like they were going to put up a good fight until Gardner cut out of the backfield on a counter that went 76 yards to pay dirt with 10 minutes left to play in the half. The score put Inkster up, 14-0, and was the turning point of the game.

The Inkster stopped 14-play Ypsilanti drive to regain possession. Four plays later, the Vikings were in the end zone again. Gardner's 40-yard pass to senior wide receiver Cameron Gordon set up a 23 yard run by Freeman for the score. Gardner carried in the two-point conversion for a 22-0 advantage with 3:31 left in the half.

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Canton closer to a playoff spot

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs are one step closer to securing a playoff slot with a 49-34 victory over host Livonia Franklin on Friday night.

The two teams combined for almost 900 yards and 12 touchdowns in the shootout.

The Chiefs accounted for almost 500 of those yards with 428 of them on the ground. All three of the Canton running backs surpassed the 100-yard mark. Kiere Daniels led the way with 170 and three touchdowns. Adam Payter added 108 and two scores and Ron Gaudi notched 103.

"That was the first time that has happened," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "The offensive line is playing a lot better. I'm very pleased with that."

Canton was on the board first with a 19-yard run by Daniels with 8:26 left in the first quarter. Less than two minutes later Franklin knotted things up with a two-yard run by Mike Baungardner.

The teams traded scores again. Payter ran one in from 22 yards out and Franklin answered with a 63-yard pas by Mark McRobb to Mike Gadsby just 49 seconds later. With 1:52 left in the quarter Daniels busted loose for a 51-yarder to make it 21-14.

The Chiefs separated themselves with the only two scores in the second quarter.

Half way through the frame, junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz ran in from three yards out for a 28-14 advantage. Then Delapaz tossed a 23-yard pass to Satish Subramanian to extend the lead,

35-14, with 22 seconds left in the third.

The Patriots got back in the game with a nine-yard run by Chris Vantyul about 6:49 into the third. The Chiefs had an answer for everything Franklin threw at them. On their next drive Daniels found room to run and scampered 58 yards to pay dirt to double Canton's lead, 42-21.

Franklin scored on a four-yard run by Vantyul and Canton scored on Payter's one-yard push to make it a 49-28 game with 6:03 left to play. McRobb found Gadsby for a five-yard score to cap off the scoring.

"I was a little disappointed with the defense," Baechler said. "After the first three weeks I thought that our defense was back-it looked real good. Then we played terrible against Glenn and now Franklin. A lot of it is 'scheme' stuff. We're not blaming the kids-they're not screwing up on purpose; we're looking at us as coaches."

The Chiefs are one game away to earning a post-season seat with a 5-1 record.

"We want to get it done as soon as possible," Baechler said of reaching the 6-3 mark for a playoff seed. "The sooner the better."

With three games left Canton should earn their spot.

The Chiefs host a 2-4 Churchill for a homecoming at 7 p.m. on Friday. A win earns them the first Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division crown and pits them against the Central Division winner-possibly Novi-for the Kensington Conference championship. Canton rounds out the regular season with a cross-campus match with a 1-5 Salem.

Eagles collar Dogs, keep playoff hopes alive

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Sometimes victories come at the narrowest of margins, as did Romulus' latest win on Friday.

The margin separating triumph from possible defeat was 5-foot-10 and 255 pounds. That would be the height and weight of Romulus senior lineman Ciapha Reeves, who blew past a worthy Bulldog offensive line to sack the quarterback and deny Robichaud a two-point conversion that would have tied the game with 19 seconds left to play.

Call it a homecoming miracle or a heroic effort on Reeves part but the Eagles improved to 3-3 and kept their playoff hopes alive when they beat the visiting Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 14-12.

Robichaud was 4-1, coming into the contest.

"They are a really good team," said Romulus Coach Keith Wittkopp. "We came out really motivated and played hard the first half. I don't know why, but we came out flat in the second half and they caught up to us."

After a scoreless first quarter Romulus got things going.

Senior quarterback Rodney Cofield connected with senior receiver Derek Kinney for a 10-yard pass play and a 7-0 lead. Then senior return man Antonio Brown did his part and trekked a punt back 67 yards for a score. That put the Eagles up, 14-0, to end the half.

Although the Eagles' offense sputtered in the second half the defense continued to dominate

the Bulldogs and held them scoreless in the third frame, too. But these sleeping dogs didn't lie.

The Bulldogs found motivation in the fourth where they scored both of their touchdowns. Robichaud missed the extra point after the first tally but chewed up a good portion of the Eagles' lead, 14-6. They made it 14-12, but Reeves collared the two-point conversion that would have tied the game and sent it into overtime.

"The defense played pretty good," Wittkopp said. "(Robichaud) even got down to our goal line and we stopped them four-and-out."

Junior defensive back Antonio James led the defense with 14 tackles and junior line-backer Desmend Roberts added

We came out really motivated and played hard the first half. I don't know why, but we came out flat in the second half and they caught up to us.

**Romulus Coach
Keith Wittkopp**



Northville's junior full-back Jake Weddle pushes for extra yardage on Friday. He scored two touchdowns for the Mustangs to beat host Salem, 20-14. Photo by Jeff Novak

Northville Mustangs hurdle Rocks, 20-14

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Over the past few years the gridiron bouts between Salem and Northville have been widely ignored.

Not this year.

The two clubs are in different stages of a turnaround right now and both are on the right track. One is physically dominant but looking to overcome mental atrophy from years of losing while the other—purged of coaching

mishaps—made a drastic 180-degree turn and has very promising opportunity to make the playoffs.

The Rocks and the Mustangs struggled over the recent years—both possessed 1-8 records in 2007—but Friday night was different at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park auxiliary field where the two teams tussled.

With a huge offensive line the Rocks proved that they could pound opponents in previous weeks. They nearly beat a playoff

bound Novi and racked up 63 points against a young South Lyon East team last week for Salem's lone victory this season.

But the Rocks have "turned the corner," according to Salem Coach Parker Salowich. They no longer look defeated and choose to battle to the very end of every game, he said.

They definitely didn't look broken, but neither did the Northville Mustangs, who are

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SPORTS

Canton Lady Chiefs volleyball nets two victories

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Lady Chiefs volleyball team improved to 17-4 overall and 3-1 in division play with victories over Plymouth and Wayne last week.

Canton put Wayne away in three games 25-11, 25-14 and 25-4.

It was all about the serve according to Canton Coach Jen Barnes.

"We served well tonight with a total of 22 aces in the match and no serving errors," she said.

Junior Jordan Kielty led the attack with 14 kills and five aces. Kacy Moran had 23 assists and six aces on the night while Lauren Macuga posted 11 digs and five aces. Kristen Muir added six kills, six aces and nine digs.

"We aggressively ran our offense and had hitters move around and try new things tonight," Barnes said. "We're still working out the kinks in our defensive play and serve receive communication."

Wayne is still struggling to find their offensive rhythm with a shorthanded defense.

Sam Dye had three kills and a block for the Lady Zebras. Catie Badrak, Kristen Miller, and Emily Rudy had two kills each.

"Our back row defense is struggling due, in part, to having our two starting back row defensive players out with injuries," said Wayne Coach Robin Thomas. Her team fell to 6-17-1 overall and 0-4 in the division.

Earlier in the week Canton beat cross-campus rival Plymouth (9-7-3 and 1-2) in three games, 25-14, 25-19 and 25-19.

Kielty was a force on offense with 22 kills

and added 13 digs on defense. Senior setter Kacy Moran doled out 28 assists and added 16 digs to the team total. Shelby Anthony had 14 digs and four aces; Torry Riley had six kills; and Gina Waite added 11 digs.

"As a team we did not play our game - we really struggled on serve receive and defense, which is usually our strong point," Barnes said. "We gave up points and lost rallies that we shouldn't have. We did serve aggressively which kept us in the games and Jordan and Kacy really clicked together offensively. With the slight changes we made in the line up last week (during the Churchill match) I think this allowed us to get more blocks and also get more touches on their attack to take some of the pressure off the defense."

Jenna Livingston led Plymouth's defense with 17 digs and Briana Beyer added 13. Dani

Risi and Mandy McManus each had six kills for the Wildcats.

Wayne lost to Livonia Franklin in three games, 23-25, 22-25, 22-25 last Tuesday.

Bianca Hayes had five kill assists. Emily Rudy had two kills and three solo blocks. Catie Badrak had two kills and Kristen Miller also had two solo blocks.

Canton hosts Franklin at 7 p.m. on Thursday; at the KLAA-Mega Invitational at Northville at 8:30 am on Saturday; and heads to state-ranked Churchill at 7p.m. on Tuesday.

Wayne hosts Churchill at 7 p.m. on Thursday and is at John Glenn at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Plymouth hosts John Glenn at 7 p.m. on Thursday; the Wildcat Invite at 8:30 am on Saturday; and is at Franklin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Vikings

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Inkster defense stepped up again when Gordon nabbed an interception at Ypsi's 29. On the ensuing play, a fully stretched senior receiver Eric Williams snagged the touchdown pass for a 30-0 lead with 3:05 left.

There was plenty of time left for the Vikings to not only score once but twice.

Gardner pushed in for a one-yard score with 19 seconds left to play to put Inkster up, 36-0. Then, 12 seconds later, sophomore safety Donovan Lindsay scooped up a fumbled Ypsilanti snap in the end zone to make it a 42-0 game at the half.

The second half wasn't as eventful, but Gardner threw a two-yard

strike to junior receiver Jonathan Taylor for a 49-point lead with 9:23 left to play.

Ypsilanti's avoided a shutout when junior quarterback Terrance Moore ran one in with 2:55 left to play.

Carter was impressed by his quarterback's progress over the course of the six games.

"Devon is getting there," he said. "He's picking his spots when he runs the ball. I think earlier in the season he didn't have a lot of confidence in the offensive line-we were struggling-so he was just taking off. I think he's starting to really make some good decisions for us now."

Along with the offensive line stepping up, Gordon helps Gardner's case, too. Gordon caught six passes for 132 yards.

Carter said the defense is the offense's greatest asset, though.

"I think what really helps our offense is the defense is starting to play and turn the ball over," he said. "We're not giving up the super long drives we were in the beginning of the season. We couldn't tell how good our offense was because we were always on the sideline. So our defense is playing a lot better along with the offensive line improving is the reason we have been successful recently."

The last time these two teams

met Inkster lost, 36-35, after leading 21-0 in the first quarter. He reminded his team of that game at halftime.

"That was a reminder that you have to play every second that you're on the field," Carter said. "We were 0-2 against them and it's nice to get the homecoming win so the kids can enjoy the dance tonight. The homecoming dance isn't fun when the home team loses the game. We wanted to

make sure that the kids enjoyed their weekend."

Inkster is at Melvindale at 7 p.m. on Friday.

"We have to play great defense because they are explosive," Carter said of the impending battle. "They are huge and they are physical and we're going to be at their place, which makes a lot of difference. So we have to come out and play great defense and give our offense a chance to score."



Inkster senior wide receiver Eric Williams makes a diving catch and falls into the end zone for a Viking touchdown on Saturday. Photo by Jeff Novak



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Belleville junior halfback Keenen Hayes (26) looks to make something for the Belleville Tigers during the school's homecoming game against Taylor Truman on Friday night. Belleville lost, 48-20. Photo by Ken Garner

Tigers fall to Truman

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville's homecoming football game was a tale of two halves with the Tigers falling, 48-20, to Taylor Truman on Friday night.

The first half went back and forth and ended in a 20-20 tie.

The Cougars scored the lone first-quarter touchdown to go ahead, 6-0. Early in the second quarter, Belleville senior quarterback Lorenzo Reese connected with senior tight end Kaare Cigan for an eight-yard gain before junior half back Keenan Hayes scored on an 11-yard reverse. The score gave Belleville a 7-6 lead.

Truman answered on their next drive and made good on a two-point conversion to take the lead, 14-7.

Belleville recovered a fumbled punt attempt that gave them possession on Truman's 32-yard line. Junior fullback Antonio LaBoda scored on a three-yard push to cut into the Cougars' lead, 14-13.

Taylor countered again to gain a 20-13 lead.

Belleville still didn't give in and junior

defensive back Alex Ruffin returned a kick-off 55 yards to know the game at 20.

Just when the Belleville Tigers were in position for a homecoming miracle and their first win in 16 tries, the bottom fell out.

The Cougars came out swinging in the second half and scored 28 unanswered points—three touchdowns in the third quarter—to deflate the Tigers' hopes.

"We didn't do anything offensively in the second half," said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe. "They scored right away and that took the air out of our balloon."

LaPointe added that he and his coaching staff are puzzled by this season. The Tigers are now 0-6.

"I don't have an answer for this," he said. "Sometimes we look good and seem to look more like what we want to be. Than we go flat. I just don't have answer for it."

"We thought we were close to being competitive and we thought Truman was a team that we could play with," he added. "This is frustrating for the coaches and the players because we can't seem to right the ship."

Belleville hosts Woodhaven at 7 p.m. on Friday.



Belleville junior fullback Antonio LaBoda plows forward in the first half of the homecoming duel. Belleville tied things up at 20 by half time but fell apart in the second. Photo by Ken Garner

Romulus splits week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles volleyball club split contests between Woodhaven and Redford Union last week to earn a 3-2 Mega White record.

The Lady Eagles prevailed in a highly anticipated match up with Woodhaven in three games, winning 25-23, 25-23 and 29-27.

"This was one of the teams that we were looking forward to playing this year because they don't come to our invitational and they were in the Red last year," said Romulus Coach Mike Hunter. "We played three real good games."

Briana Grover led the attack with 16 kills and Samantha Bankey added seven. Sheila Watts had 37 digs.

"That's above average for Sheila," Hunter said. "She played libero, which got her in the game a lot more than normal. Defense was a big part of the match. I definitely believe in our defense. You'll score your points but you can't let them score."

Cheyenne racked up another 20 digs for

Romulus in the match.

Romulus suffered a four-game setback when the Lady Eagles visited Redford Union last Wednesday. Romulus lost the first two games 9-25 and 19-25 before winning the third game, 27-25, to push a fourth. Redford Union pulled out the final game, 25-12.

Union was big at the net and didn't allow many points from the usually strong Romulus offense. Grover was limited to seven kills on the day and Sam Bankey to eight. Sam Watson had 34 digs.

"They simply out jumped us," Hunter said. "They had these two big girls on each side and they would just set the ball 20-feet in the air and let them jump to get them. Their libero was digging everything in site. She was able to get a hand on it and get it up in the air."

Romulus started the second round of division play on Wednesday with a rematch with Ypsilanti but the results were unavailable at press time. The Eagles beat the Phoenix in four games the first time they met.

Romulus hosts Edsel Ford at 7 p.m. next Wednesday. Edsel Ford won in three games the first time around.

Gridders

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also recovering from a 1-8 2007 campaign. Northville—the comeback team of the year—is primed for a playoff berth with a 4-2 record after beating the Rocks, 20-14, on Friday.

To reach the post season the 'Stangs need to win at least two of their last three contests. Novi is next.

"Playoffs are definitely a goal of the team this year," said Northville Coach Matt Ladach. "But we have to take opponents one at a time. This week we can't afford to think about playoffs when we have Novi. This is a huge game—a rivalry game—for us. We have to be prepared for Novi, not week 10."

With that said, Friday's game was more interesting than the 20-14 score indicates.

While Salem's offense struggled for the first time in three weeks with just 150 total yards, the defense and special teams got the job done—at least to keep them in the game.

With 2:02 left in the first quarter, Salem's sophomore linebacker Ethan Walsh recovered a Northville fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. Walsh added the extra point for a 7-0 advantage.

Northville junior quarterback Dan Mills

performed well in the absence of an injured senior starter Matt Kreager. Mille completed 50 percent of his passes (11-of-22) for 147 yards and a score. The ground attack racked up 92 yards.

The Mustangs countered with a 4-yard plunge by junior fullback Jake Weddle four seconds into the second. The point-after attempt failed to make it a 7-6 game.

Northville senior defensive back picked off a Salem pass to stymie the Rock's next drive with 9:32 left to play in the half. The 'Stangs made good on the turnover four minutes later when Mills connected with senior tight end Ryan Gerblick for a 25-yard score. Northville missed the extra point again but led, 12-7, at the half.

Salem responded in the second half when it blocked a Northville punt that junior defensive back Alex King recovered in the end zone for the Rocks' second score. Walsh's kick was good for a 14-12 lead.

According to the statistics—85-percent of teams that block a punt win the game—Salem was on the fast track to earning their second victory of the year.

Northville was determined to put Salem in the other 15 percentile.

And with 7:49 left to play they did. Weddle pounded out eight tough yards for a Mustang score and caught Mill's pass for the two-point conversion and a 20-14 advantage.

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- ✓ Ranked "WELL QUALIFIED" by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.
- ✓ Former managing attorney of UAW-Ford Legal Services Plan.
- ✓ Married to Raymond J. Andary, attorney for 28 years and has 3 adult children.
- ✓ President, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Wayne Region; Co-chair "Running and Winning Workshop" League, of Women Voters; Honorary Advisory Board Member, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; and past President, American Association of University Women-Grosse Pointe Branch.

Dan Hathaway

- ✓ Experience- 29 years practicing attorney with extensive experience in both civil and criminal jury trials.
- ✓ Integrity- Dan's Courtroom will not cater to any special interests groups. Fair and equal access to justice for all citizens will be Dan's hallmark.
- ✓ Hardworking- Dan is dedicated to the efficient, thorough and speedy administration of justice.
- ✓ Other endorsements: Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, Michigan Teamsters-Detroit, Wayne County Sheriffs, Wayne County Law Enforcement Supervisory, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, and Council of Baptist Pastors (Detroit & vicinity).

Connie Kelley

- ✓ Partner with law firm Powers Chapman with over 25 years Courtroom experience in the areas of family and domestic law, employment and labor law, personal injury and discrimination.
- ✓ Member of Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Oakland and Macomb County Bar Associations, Women's Bar Association, American Association for Justice and Michigan Association for Justice.
- ✓ Member of Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan, which serves 26,000 children.
- ✓ Married to former Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley and is the mother of two sons.

Each of these candidates has also been endorsed by the UAW, Region 1A; and the 15th Congressional District Democrats.

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